



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – August 9, 2026

Margie Manning

Living the Questions

Many of us were drawn to Unitarian Universalism because it welcomes our questions and challenges us to find answers in ways that reflect our own experiences. Come explore what it means to practice a faith that offers both this welcome and this challenge.

Our Vision: An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

Our Mission: To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

Pre-service Music	Played by Roger McCormick
Welcome	Ron Vierling, Worship Associate
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Prelude	"Adagio sostenuto Op 27 No 2" Composed by Beethoven Played by Roger McCormick, pianist
Call to Worship	Delivered by Ron Vierling
Chalice Lighting	Delivered by Ron Vierling
Story for All Ages	Lori Thorn
Singing the children to the classroom Hymn #414	"As You Leave This Friendly Place"
Joys and Concerns	
Opening Hymn #354	"We Laugh We Cry" Vs. 1 & 4



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Sermon

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Closing Hymn #1003

"Where Do We Come From?"

Offertory

Extinguishing the Chalice

"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"

Postlude:

Short Piece EG104 No 11
Composed by Grieg
Played by Roger McCormick

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Ron Vierling; **Service Technical Support:** Colin Brink, Phil Brown, Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Lorë Eargle; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Elyse Fenstermaker, Jocelyn Ganoza, Pan Godchaux, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Chris Parliman, Bruce Peller, Donna Polhamus, Susie Safford; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Ushers:** TBD; **Visuals:** Ana "Soledad" Vaquer; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Roger McCormick, Pianist; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor; Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Barb Tobin, Lifelong Learning; Eric Williamson, Handyperson; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Eloise Hardman, Kathy Krohn

SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to supply the flowers for an upcoming Sunday service in honor of a special event or person in your life, please email Ana "Soledad" Vaquer at soledad.globalre@gmail.com. She will help you coordinate your contribution.



Hymn #414 “As You Leave This Friendly Place”

As you leave this friendly place,
love give light to ev’ry face;
may the kindness which you learn
light your hearts till you return.

Opening Hymn #354 “We Laugh, We Cry” {Vs 1 & 4}

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there’s something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we’ll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.



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Closing Hymn #1003 “Where Do We Come From?”

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?

Where do we come from?

Mystery. Mystery. Life is a riddle and a mystery.

Where do we come from? Where are we going?